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Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

If it's greenkeeping news and we get it, we'll print it.



Jock Anderson

THE NOVEMBER MEETING

November 6th

at

Bonnie Dundee
Dundee, Ill.

Jock Anderson, Owner
and
Al Rauch, Supt.
Hosts

GOLF—

DINNER

BUSINESS MEETING

THE NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW IS NOT FAR OFF.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our Bull Sheet editor has left the Midwest area to accept a position in Florida. He will be Greenkeeping Superintendent of the San Jose C. C. in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Bull Sheet was Norman Johnson's baby and I can realize how much time he spent and how much hard work he put in to make this paper a success. His leaving the district is a great loss to the Association because he was a hard worker, not only for the Bull Sheet but for the local and national associations as well. His shoes will be hard to fill and I can sincerely say that Norm's services are greatly appreciated. Our loss will be some one else's gain.

However, the Bull Sheet will go on. Don Strand of Westmoreland C. C. is to be our managing editor.

Assisting Don will be Bob Williams of Beverly C. C. who will handle all advertising and Paul Burdett who will continue as official photographer and art director.

Following our policy of encouraging golf and good-fellowship for our members whenever possible, we plan to hold our November meeting Monday, Nov. 6, afternoon and evening at the Bonnie Dundee Golf Club, Dundee, Ill. Jock Anderson, owner and Al Rausch, Supt., will be our hosts.

ASSOCIATIONS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Included with this issue of your Bull Sheet is a combination membership application blank. Space on this blank is provided for application for membership in both the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association, and The Midwest Association of Golfcourse Superintendents. It is the desire of the officers of your Association that all application blanks be returned, properly filled out and accompanied by the necessary fees, to the office of the secretary.

If you are not now a member of either association, fill out both blanks and send them in, together with the fees as listed below. If you do not qualify for regular membership there are associate memberships in both Associations and the fees are the same for both classes of membership. If you are a member of the Midwest only, fill out that part of the blank concerning the National Association. If you now belong only to the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Ass'n, fill out that part concerning the Midwest. If you are a member of both Associations, sign up a new member in both. But USE the application blanks. The fees for the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association are one year's dues of \$10.00. For the Midwest there is an initiation fee of \$5.00 plus one years dues of \$9.00. The dues of either Association to apply to 1951. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Association need and appreciate your support.

BERT COGHILL PASSES AWAY

It is with deep regret that we must report the death of fellow member, Bert Coghill of the Coghill Golf and Country Club, Lemont, Ill., who passed away at the Mayo Clinic on Tuesday, October 10th. Mr. Coghill had been a member of the Midwest for many years and was one of those in regular attendance at the golf meetings.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the immediate family.

SPREADING IT THIN

Pete Stewart of Butterfield C. C., Hinsdale, Ill., has about completed training his dogs for the coming hunting season. Pete says that the hunting season is limited to four days, two birds a day, and the license is \$25.00 in Dakota. Pete plans to visit Arkansas for quail and pheasant.

Bill Swantz of Hinsdale C. C. says that Pete has trained one dog exceptionally well. This dog digs worms while Pete fishes. Bill is quite a fisherman in his own right. He is taking a day now and then thru the fall season to visit a favorite fishing spot in Wisconsin. Last week he got two fish, catfish, one six inches long, the other eight inches. Bill says the large eight inch Northern Pike are not biting yet.

Frank Mastroleo of Geneva C. C. believes that the Chlorodane treatment is successful in holding back and reducing clover in his greens. Frank is watching this carefully and will report from time to time.

Bob Williams of Beverly C. C. is well along with his fall work. Tees and areas in the rough are getting that needed attention this season.

Tom Walsh and Pete Englehart plan to rebuild one green at Westgate Valley in October.

Matt Bezek of Southmoor C. C., Orland Park, feels quite happy as the end of his first season there draws to a close. Matt feels that he has accomplished a lot during the season and looks forward to a better 1951.

Carl Beckstrom of St. Charles C. C. plans to rebuild his fourth green during this month.

Ray Gerber of Glen Oak C. C. is well along with his fall work. He has put in a nursery and plans to extend his watering system. Ray is rapidly eliminating hose from Glen Oak fairways.

John Henry is completing work on his Maple Crest par three course which is on Wolf Road just south of Plainfield Road in LaGrange. Henry plans to light the entire course for evening as well as daytime play. The course was designed by Wm. Langford and Mel Johnson is construction superintendent. It is expected to be open for play Decoration Day 1951.

Bill Stupple has about completed rebuilding four tees at Exmoor C. C. He plans to rough in three or four more and seed them next spring with Astoria Bent. Bill feels that as this grass grows straight up, the divots are smaller than those taken in creeping bent. By maintaining a minimum of 4000 square feet he feels he will have ample space for frequent changes of the tee markers. Bill has about completed 40 years at Exmoor.

Alex Pirie, sales representative for Blanchard is now a great grandfather.

O. J. Noer made a quick trip to the Chicago district recently. He promises to make his trip here more frequently from now on.

Norman Johnson, Editor of the Bull Sheet, left for Florida Friday, Sept. 22. Norm will be at the San Jose C. C., Jacksonville, Florida. He drove a new Dodge Coronet loaded down with the miscellaneous things that cannot be shipped by moving van. We all wish Norman a happy and successful connection in Jacksonville and some of us will be dropping in to see him during the winter season. Norm is looking forward to welcome all who are likely to visit Florida in the near future.

President William Stupple has appointed the following men to serve on the nominating committee; Dominic Grotti, Sunset Ridge C. C.; Gabriel Rossett, Green Acres C. C. and Harold Reid, Ridgemoor. THE MOLE.

A GREENKEEPER'S LETTER TO HIS CHAIRMAN

Dear Boss,

This being almost the end of our fiscal year, it is time we began work on our budget for 1951. As you will recall, last year we prepared an itemized estimated expense sheet for the coming year explaining with notes, unusual expenditures of items which exceeded those of the year before. When the sheet was ready you called a meeting of the Green Committee, which I also attended, inviting the President and Treasurer of the Club to be present. The items were carefully gone over and any necessary changes made. With the approval of the Committee and Treasurer, it was then presented to the Board at their next meeting and being accepted as drawn up, it became our budget for the coming year. In this manner every expenditure was accounted for in advance and there was no necessity for further requests for appropriations.

In regard to the suggestion that more trees and shrubs be planted on the course and fairway lined with trees, I would advise that more serious thought be given to the idea, taking into consideration the experience of other golf courses. I visited several courses this Summer which were so thickly planted that the circulation of air on fairways, tees and greens was cut off, making it not only uncomfortable for the golfer on hot days, but also difficult to maintain good turf. If tees are to be screened with shrubs, they should be planted far enough away so as not to interfere with the maintenance of the turf. If trees are planted they should largely be in groups with plenty of room for circulation of air. The group which we are planning between the 4th and 14th fairways should be of several different varieties. Cottonwoods and poplars or other fast growing trees are not desirable on the golf course due to their root habits and early shedding of leaves in the fall. Elms are menaced with a blight which has been spreading over the country and their use curtailed. Soft maples are not good owing to their shallow root system and shedding of seeds in the fall on putting greens. The thornless honey locust has been recommended as a tree for golf course use, its leaves being small and the foliage not too dense.

Soon it will be time to treat our greens and tees for the prevention of snow mold. There are a number of methods of doing this but I think the best way is to go out late in the Fall and spray about 4 pounds of Tersan to a 5,000 sq. ft. green. This is best done in two applications, one just before the water system is drained and the other the 1st of December. It takes about 100 pounds to treat our greens alone, but believe me it is good insurance when I think back on all the grief we had with snow mold in the past. A light application of lime to the greens is also beneficial not only for snow mold control, but the prevention of dollar spot and brown patch in the summer months.

Hoping this covers some of the more important things on our minds at this time, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Your Greenkeeping Superintendent.

ANNUAL MIDWEST ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Park Ridge Country Club and Bert Rost, Sup't., were hosts to the members and guests of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents on Oct. 2nd, the occasion being the Annual Golf Tournament. Bert provided a well groomed golf course and the table set for the buffet dinner was really a gourmet's delight. The Tournament Chairman, Frank Dinelli, extended himself beyond imagination in providing an array of worthwhile prizes which included such items as 17 jewel wrist watches, portable radio, Foot Joy golf shoes, wind breaker, sport shirts, sweaters to name just a few.

Winners in class "A" were, in the order of their appearance, Stan Arendt, Mel Warneke, Bill Seaili, Jock McIntosh and Bill Stupple.

Ray Gerber, Charley Shiley, Ed Wolenberg, Chuck Daugherty and Jerry Spotswood copped off the prizes in class "B".

The following were winners in the blind bogey: Paul Connors, J. Transier, Frank Weidel Charlie Carr and J. Buchen.

The Putting Contest was won by Alex Pirie with Fred Halloran a close second. Consolation putter was Billy Smith.

The following guests were prize winners; Dan Christianson, C. Vann and A. J. Peterson.

Two members who had the most fun, at least took the most strokes, were Roy Chaplin and Frank Mastroleo.

EMIL MASHIE WINS N.G.S.A. TOURNAMENT AT LANSING

On Sept. 18th and 19th The Lansing Country Club of Lansing, Michigan was host to one of the finest Tournaments ever held by the N.G.S.A. Top honors were won by Emil Mashie of Onwentsia C. C., Lake Forest, Ill., with a score of 75, 71—146. The Cleveland District, who arrived by plane, train, auto, bus and boat, with 40 members, won the Team Championship. The Midwest Assn. was represented by Emil Mashie, Ray Gerber, Bob Williams and Herman Woehrle. The Turf Symposium presented at Michigan State College was exceptionally interesting and informative and alone was well worth the trip to Lansing.

Bob Williams.

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